

TRIBUTE TO THE FLOYD COUNTY  
EMERGENCY AND RESCUE  
SQUAD, INC.

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I want to bring notice to the House of an all-volunteer rescue squad in eastern Kentucky which was founded nearly 50 years ago in the aftermath of tragedy and will be nationally recognized this month for their citizen preparedness efforts.

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc. was formed in 1958 after a school bus went off the road and crashed into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Back then, there were no responders close enough, and 27 people perished in that accident. We have a rich tradition in eastern Kentucky of fixing our own problems when solutions seem too difficult, or even impossible. Two of the founding members of the rescue squad lost their children in the accident. They vowed that something like this should never happen again, so a small group of people got together and volunteered their time to be on call so that others might be saved. Because of their efforts, people traveling on rural, mountainous roads in Floyd County can know that help is on the way should they need it.

With 32 members, Floyd County's rescue squad is going strong. They work in coal mines, at the local retail store or as police officers. They have an operating budget of less than a typical Kentucky household, yet keep their well-worn trucks in good running order and are ready to respond whenever needed. More people understand what citizen preparedness means after 9/11 and Katrina. But it also means being prepared for any catastrophe where seconds count and trained personnel are needed when the injured are trapped. Citizen preparedness is nothing more than a concept without committed people who make it happen. These people don't get paid but choose instead to answer to a higher calling—helping their fellow citizens in times of need.

The National Congress on Secure Communities in Washington, DC, will be recognizing the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc. on December 17 for their efforts to keep people safe. It is national recognition for our local heroes.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc.—the people who provide public safety in parts of our country where it would otherwise not exist.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 2634

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H.R. 2634, a bill that would provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

The Biblical scripture love thy neighbor, does not just call for the expression of care and concern for neighbors who live in close proximity. It also calls for reaching out to neighbors world wide. I believe it is especially important to be concerned about and help our neighbors who live in countries that are challenged daily with enormous issues involving poverty, hunger, homelessness, high unemployment, crime, illiteracy, and HIV/AIDS. Some of these countries include Angola, Haiti, Liberia, and Kenya just to name a few.

I support this bill because it could help our neighbors who are struggling everyday to live with and combat very difficult social and economic problems. I suspect that if economically disadvantaged countries were in a position to resolve their problems without assistance, they would. Helping to resolve these issues would lead to improvements in the quality of life for our neighbors, global economic stability, and world peace.

Jubilee USA Network, one grassroots organization that consists of churches and community organizations, has been dedicated to educating members of Congress and the public since the late 1990s on this issue. Their hard work, along with other organizations has created a movement that has made a difference. Some 30 nations have benefited from different types of debt relief estimating approximately \$80,000,000,000.

Other notable progress has been made with this issue. Agreements made with the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the International Monetary Fund have eliminated debts by some poor countries.

To observe the success thus far, Jubilee USA Network held a prayer breakfast on October 16, 2007, in the Rayburn House Office Building. From the overseas community, the prayer breakfast was attended by the Honorable Ombeni Sefue, Tanzanian Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Given Lubinda, Member of Zambia Parliament, and Rt. Rev. Jean Zachè, Episcopal Bishop of Haiti. It is important for the U.S. to gain support for the debt relief of poor countries as a part of its foreign policy and I thank Jubilee USA Network for continuing to raise awareness of this issue.

Further, I thank my colleagues MAXINE WATERS, SPENCER BACHUS, CAROLYN MALONEY, DONALD PAYNE, EMMANUEL CLEAVER, BARBARA LEE, and LUIS GUTIERREZ for introducing this bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which is a bill to support humanity.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR  
STRONG ECONOMY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Mr. WILSON. Madam Speaker, our third quarter GDP grew at an impressive 4.9 percent. That means we have had 24 straight months of economic growth coupled with 50 straight months of job growth creating 8.3 million additional jobs. In the district I represent, the Nation's fourth largest cabinet company, the Elkay Cabinet Division, has recently decided to open a new manufacturing plant in Barnwell which will create hundreds of jobs.

This job success is the product of the pro-growth tax policies that President Bush signed into law 4 years ago.

There remains much more that we must do in order to promote strong economic growth. We need energy legislation that actually helps create new energy, health care reform that values individual choice over government mandate, and sensible tax reform. We must enact legislation—including a repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax—that doesn't raise taxes on the backs of middle class Americans and small businesses.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
COACH MIKE FELTON FOR  
COACHING THE GARAWAY GOLF  
TEAM TO WINNING THE DIVISION  
III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Coach Mike Felton showed hard work and dedication to the sport of golf; and Whereas, Mike Felton was a leader and mentor for the Garaway Golf Team; and

Whereas, Coach Felton has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the greens: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Mike Felton for leading the Garaway Golf Team to winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

HONORING THE ADAMS  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the members of the Adams Volunteer Fire Department for their selfless dedication and bravery in protecting our families, day and night.

The Adams Volunteer Fire Department was established February 3, 1971 and has 18 firefighters. Out of these firefighters, two are EMTs and four are First Responders.

Without volunteer fire halls like Adams, many places in the Sixth District would lack effective fire protection. In the State of Tennessee, over 70 percent of fire service is provided by volunteers. Among these volunteers, almost 75 percent work other daily jobs.

Ensuring our families' safety is not without risk. Sadly, an average of two firefighters die each year in Tennessee in the line of duty. In 2005, the Tennessee Fire Services and Code Academy dedicated a memorial on their main campus in Bell Buckle to honor those Tennessee firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

For their willingness to serve, the following members of the Adams Volunteer Fire Department deserve recognition: Chief Ray Brown,